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LONDONDERRY WOMAN CHARGED WITH
EMBEZZLING OVER \$350,000 FROM FORMER EMPLOYERS

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and FBI Special Agent in Charge Kenneth W. Kaiser report that insurance fraud charges were filed in federal court today against 41-year-old Irene Nutter, of Londonderry, New Hampshire in connection with the embezzlement of about \$353,792.

In a two-count Information filed in the United States District Court in Concord, the United States Attorney's Office charged Nutter with embezzling from two of her former employers. Specifically, Nutter is charged with defrauding Sedgwick Claims Management Services, Inc., of about \$226, 671, and defrauding Allmerica Financial Corporation of about \$127,121. Both companies have offices in Bedford, New Hampshire, and both had employed Nutter. The Information states that Nutter worked as a claims examiner for Sedgwick and as a claims adjuster for Allmerica. She is charged with using her access to the companies' claims management systems to create fictitious insurance claims, which she caused to be paid with corporate funds that she in turn used for her personal benefit. The embezzlements from Sedgwick allegedly occurred from January 2003, through June 2005, and the thefts from Allmerica allegedly happened from April 1998, through June 2000.

FBI agents arrested Nutter on July 8, 2005, in connection with the alleged thefts from Sedgwick. She was arraigned later that day and released on her own recognizance. In the ensuing months, the FBI continued its investigation, which led to the discovery of the alleged thefts from Allmerica.

This case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mark S. Zuckerman

An Information is only an allegation and not proof of criminal conduct. As in all criminal cases, the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.